

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 – 14 (cancelled)

15. (new) A water-bearing domestic appliance comprising:

a retainer for retaining items to be subjected to a liquid treatment: and

a drainage pump having an inlet through which liquid enters the drainage pump, an outlet through which liquid exits the drainage pump, a pump impeller for conveying liquid along a passage through the drainage pump extending from the inlet to the outlet, and a separate chamber located upstream of the pump impeller relative to the direction of flow of liquid through the passage, the separate chamber having an internal diameter and an external diameter and having respective radial bores on its external diameter and in the vicinity of its internal diameter.

16. (new) The water-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 15, wherein the separate chamber is located relatively closely adjacent the pump impeller.

17. (new) The water-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 15, wherein a respective plurality of bores are provided on the external diameter of the separate chamber and another respective plurality of bores are provided on the internal diameter of the separate chamber.

18. (new) The water-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 15, wherein the bores for the external diameter and the internal diameter are distributed uniformly on the separate chamber.

19. (new) The water-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 15, wherein each of the bores has a small cross-section.

20. (new) The water-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 15, wherein the water-bearing domestic appliance is a dishwasher and the retainer for retaining items to be subjected to a liquid treatment is operable to retain items to subjected to a dishwasher liquid treatment.
21. (new) The water-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 15, wherein the water-bearing domestic appliance is a washing machine and the retainer for retaining items to be subjected to a liquid treatment is operable to retain items to subjected to a washing machine liquid treatment.
22. (new) A drainage pump comprising:
 - an inlet through which liquid enters the drainage pump;
 - an outlet through which liquid exits the drainage pump;
 - a pump impeller for conveying liquid along a passage through the drainage pump extending from the inlet to the outlet; and
 - a separate chamber located upstream of the pump impeller relative to the direction of flow of liquid through the passage, the separate chamber having an internal diameter and an external diameter and having respective radial bores on its external diameter and in the vicinity of its internal diameter.
23. (new) The drainage pump according to claim 22, wherein the separate chamber is located relatively closely adjacent the pump impeller.
24. (new) The drainage pump according to claim 22, wherein a respective plurality of bores are provided on the external diameter of the separate chamber and another respective plurality of bores are provided on the internal diameter of the separate chamber.

25. (new) The drainage pump according to claim 22, wherein the bores for the external diameter and the internal diameter are distributed uniformly on the separate chamber.
26. (new) The drainage pump according to claim 22, wherein each of the bores has a small cross-section.
27. (new) The drainage pump according to claim 22, wherein the drainage pump is operable in a water-bearing domestic appliance in the form of a dishwasher.
28. (new) The drainage pump according to claim 22, wherein the drainage pump is operable in a water-bearing domestic appliance in the form of a washing machine.